these funds have been submitted by the Commission every year;

(c) whether any complaints regarding misuse of funds have been received by the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) The amount of grant provided by the Government to Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) during each of the last three years under various heads is as under:–

(Rs. in crores)

		1989-90	*1990-91*	*1991-92*
1.	Khadi Grant	75.50	86.00	87.00
2.	Village Industries Grant	15.00	18.00	19.00
3.	Science and Technology Grant	1.00	1.00	1.00
4.	Biogas Grant	6.49	7.87	6.27
	Total	97.99	112.87	113.27

(b) The Commission submits the Utilisation Certificates for these funds to the Government every year. Moreover the Annual Audited Accounts of KVIC are placed on the Table of both the House of Parliament, every year.

(c) and (d). From time to time the Government receives complaints regarding misuse of funds. As and when such complaints are received Government looks into them and takes appropriate action as deemed fit.

[English]

Shutting down of Neyveli Thermal Plant

2335. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHEE TINDIVANAM: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Neyveli Thermal Plant came to a grinding halt and had to be shut down due to recent cyclone and flood;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Neyveli Lignite Corporation management maintain necessary bufferstock for running the plants; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b). On 14th and 15th November, 1991, Mine II of Neyveli Lignite Corporation got flooded on account of Cyclone followed by heavy rains. As a result, TPS, II linked to Mine II for raw lignite fuel also stopped generation of power w.e.f 15-11-1991.

(c) and (d). The buffer stock of lignite for consumption in the Power Stations and other

down-stream units are being maintained on the basis of the operational requirements. In view of the close proximity of the captive lignite mines, 3 to 5 days stocks are normally maintained.

Estimated Quantity of Non Coking Stock of Coal

2336. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated quantity of non-coking pithead stocks of coal and its value which have been accumulating near the collieries of the Coal India Ltd., (CIL) over the last three years, as at present; and

(b) how it is proposed to liquidate this stock?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) According to provisional estimates made by Coal India Ltd. (CIL), the pithead coal stocks held by them as on 31.1.92 were 37.62 million tonnes. Its value at current average price of Rs. 322/- per tonne works out to Rs. 1211.36 crores.

(b) Coal India Ltd. have been advised to make efforts to liquidate part of this stock by June, 1992 by augmenting rail despatches and also by selling coal for movement by road from mines earmarked for this purpose.

Coal projects Cleared during 1991-92

2337. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Coal projects cleared by the Government during 1991-92;

(b) the estimated cost of these projects;

(c) the expected production growth of coal due to these projects; and

(d) the revised cost of these projects projectwise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (d). The undermentioned new coal projects and Revised Cost Estimates have been sanctioned by the Government during 1991-92:–

	New Projects	*Target capacity m.t.p.a.*	*Capital cost Rs. crores*
(i)	Ananta OCP SECL	4.00	156.49
(ii)	Ukni OCP, WCL	1.10	100.37
(iii)	Lakhanpur OCP, SECL	5.00	221.51

	Revised Cost Estimates	*Target capacity m.t.p.a.*	*Capital cost Rs. crores*
(i)	RCE for GDK-11A SCCL	1.75	135.00
(ii)	RCE for Manuguru OC-II SCCL	2.75	199.94